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## DECEMBER PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

**SIOUX FALLS, December 28, 2006** -- Preliminary December prices were up from November for corn, soybeans, sunflower, oats, and alfalfa hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts, sows, steers and heifers, and calves were down, while cows were up.

For December, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.44, was down 6 cents from last month but up 88 cents from last December. The spring wheat price, at \$4.63, was 12 cents lower than last month but 71 cents higher than last year. The December soybean price, at \$5.92, was 13 cents higher than last month and 41 cents higher than last year. The corn price, at \$2.80, was up 22 cents from last month and up \$1.07 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$13.40, was up 90 cents from last month and up 90 cents from last year.

The preliminary December barrow and gilt price, at \$45.30, was down \$1.50 from last month and down 10 cents from last year, while sows, at \$31.80, were down \$2.20 from November and down \$4.00 from December 2005.

The preliminary December steer and heifer price, at \$96.10, was down \$2.70 from November and down \$14.90 from December of last year. Calves, at \$116.00, were down \$3.00 from last month and down \$27.00 from December 2005.

The December alfalfa price, at \$84.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from last month and up \$21.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$67.00, was down \$1.00 from last month but up \$17.00 from December 2005.

### Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	December 2005 <sup>1</sup>	November 2006 <sup>1</sup>	December 2006 <sup>2</sup>
Corn	Bu.	1.73	2.58	2.80
Soybeans	Bu.	5.51	5.79	5.92
Sunflower	Cwt.	12.50	12.50	13.40
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.72	4.60	4.52
Winter	Bu.	3.56	4.50	4.44
Other Spring	Bu.	3.92	4.75	4.63
Barley, All	Bu.	1.99	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	1.47	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	2.06	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.63	2.11	2.30
Hay, All	Ton	61.00	78.00	81.00
Alfalfa	Ton	63.00	82.00	84.00
Other	Ton	50.00	68.00	67.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	94.90	88.50	82.30
Cows	Cwt.	49.10	41.80	43.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	111.00	98.80	96.10
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	143.00	119.00	116.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.30	45.10	43.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	45.40	46.80	45.30
Sows	Cwt.	35.80	34.00	31.80
Lambs	Cwt.	123.00	108.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	50.70	26.60	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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